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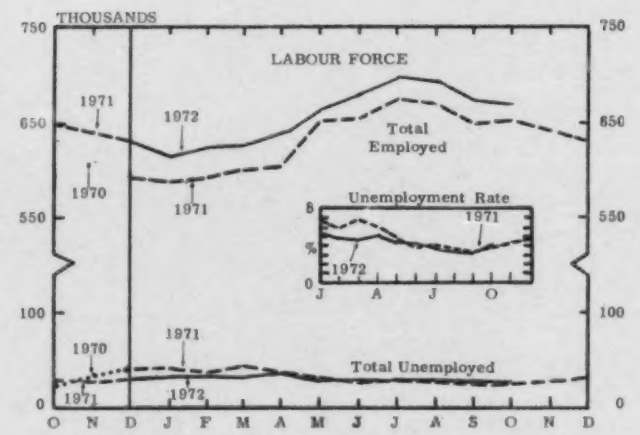
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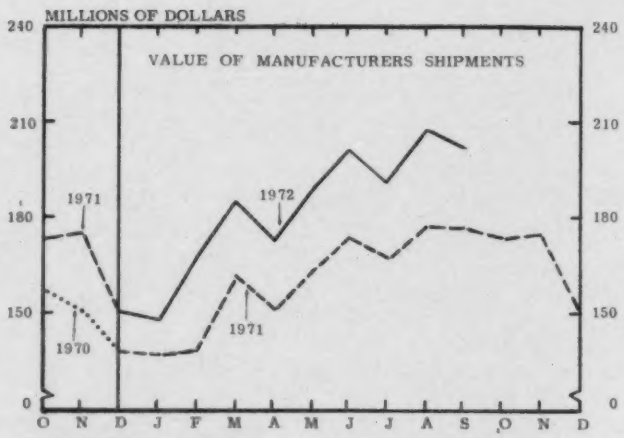
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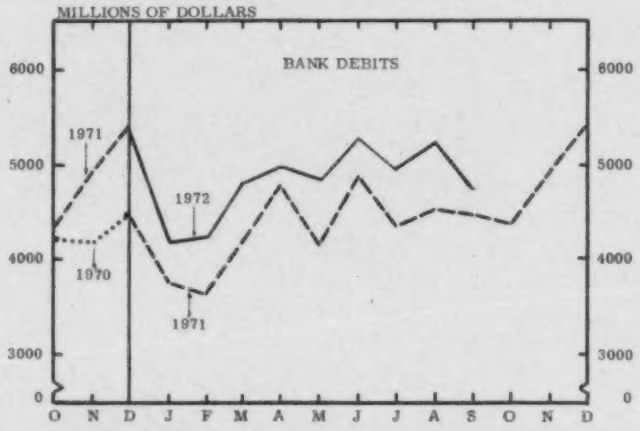
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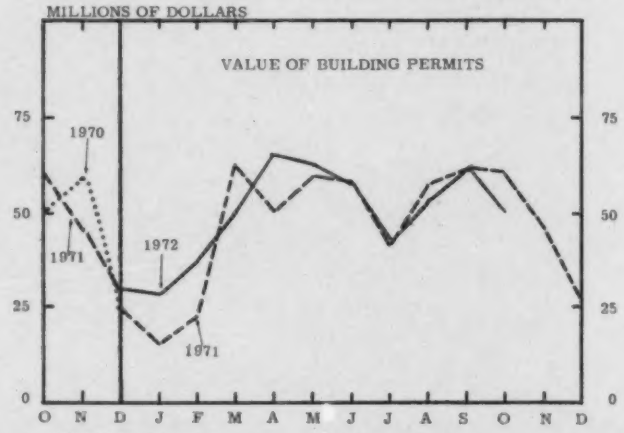
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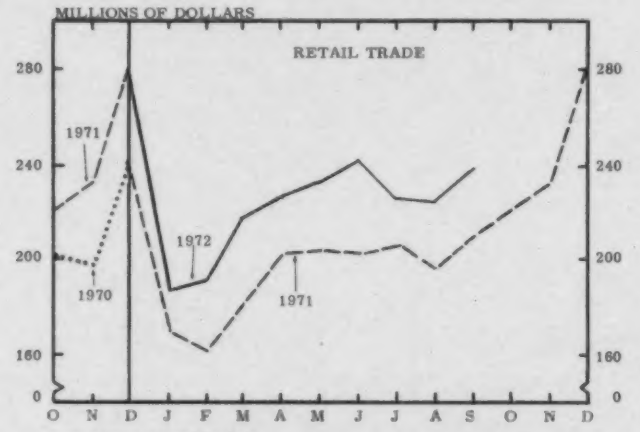
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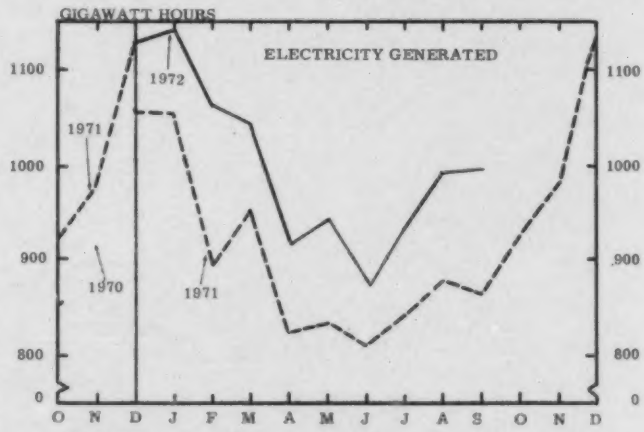
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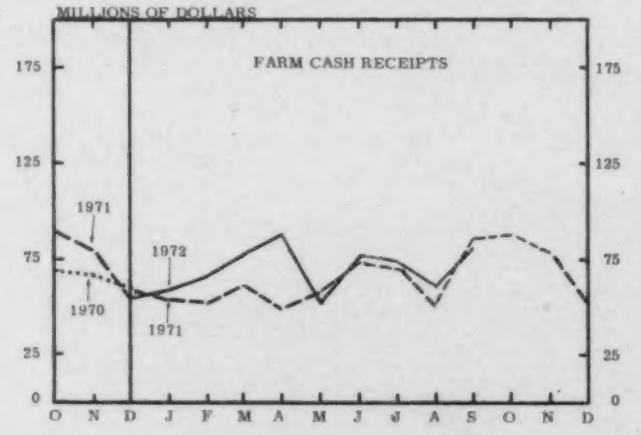
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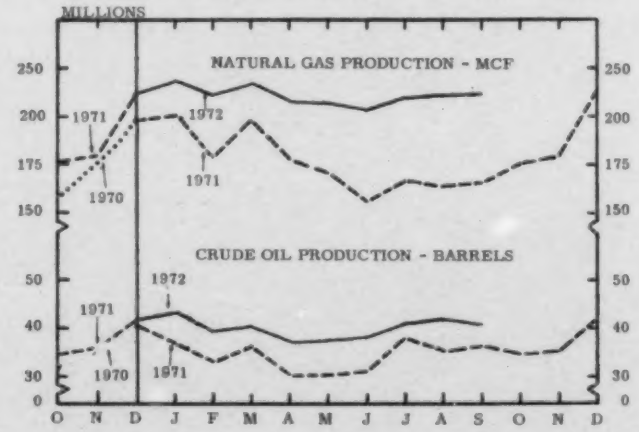
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ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

To the end of the third quarter 1972 Alberta business activity maintained a steady rate of growth. Major indicators for agriculture, manufacturing, mining, construction and retail trade showed considerable gains over the same period last year.

Alberta farmers cash receipts totalled $632 million to the end of September, a 14% increase over 1971. Receipts from livestock and products were 20% above last year; cash receipts from crops were down 4%. Cash receipts from grain sales are expected to improve in the last quarter due to increases announced in October in initial payments for some grains.

The value of manufacturers shipments in September 1972 was 13% above the 1971 level; cumulative figures for the year indicate a 15% increase. Gross sales of packing plants were up 21% over the period; refinery production to the end of August was 29% higher than during the comparable period last year.

January to September 1972 figures for the petroleum industry indicate that the following gains were recorded in the value of sales of the products specified; crude oil - 19%, natural gas - 14%, propane - 28%, butane - 39%. Depressed prices in world sulphur markets precluded gains in the value of sales of sulphur in spite of increased marketings.

The value of building permits issued during the first three quarters of 1972 totalled $467 million as compared to $428 million during the same period in 1971. Permits issued in Calgary were valued at $163 million and in Edmonton at $139 million to the end of September. Preliminary October figures indicate a falling off from the pace of earlier months. The number of new dwelling starts in September 1972 was some 43% below the 1971 level; and the cumulative total for the year to the end of September was down by over 11%.

The generally optimistic outlook of consumers is reflected in a 14% increase in retail trade over the January to September period. Shipments of new motor vehicles to Alberta during the period increased 22% in number and 34% in value. Shipments of other consumer durable items such as stoves, washing machines, clothes dryers, refrigerators, freezers and television sets also show considerable gains.

The provincial unemployment rate was 3.7% for October, the same rate as for October 1971. The provincial labour force for the month was estimated at 694,000 as compared to 675,000 twelve months earlier. At its October 1972 level of 134.6 (1961=100), the Edmonton-Calgary all-items consumer price index was 4.4% higher than a year earlier. Increases in the clothing and health and personal care components were offset by a 0.8% September-October decline in the food component.

ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	September		Percent	January to September		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	($'000)	($'000)	%	($'000)	($'000)	%
Wheat	13,995	12,380	-11.5	100,830	110,593	9.7
Oats	79	228	*	7,589	4,539	-40.2
Barley	7,002	4,061	-42.0	66,042	37,823	-42.7
C.W.B. Net cash advance payments	3,499	2,193	-37.3	-14,905	-6,261	-58.0
Rye	66	192	*	2,065	2,461	19.2
Flaxseed	446	298	-33.2	10,234	7,145	-30.2
Rapeseed	6,317	2,956	-53.2	32,256	38,121	18.2
Sugar Beets	-	599	-	1,901	3,251	71.0
Potatoes	489	563	15.1	4,534	4,587	1.2
Vegetables	198	217	9.6	1,359	1,480	8.9
Other Crops	2,609	2,504	-4.0	5,595	5,508	-1.6
TOTAL CROPS	34,700	26,191	-24.5	217,500	209,247	-3.8
Cattle and Calves	31,312	31,866	1.8	197,542	235,207	19.1
Hogs	7,344	10,177	38.6	63,000	85,375	35.5
Sheep and Lambs	222	308	38.7	1,094	1,747	59.7
Dairy Products	4,131	4,394	6.4	35,819	37,639	5.1
Poultry	3,643	4,131	13.4	14,479	16,471	13.8
Eggs	1,015	1,073	5.7	10,853	10,857	-
Other Livestock and Products	1,523	1,552	1.9	4,927	5,405	9.7
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	49,190	53,501	8.8	327,714	392,701	19.8
Forest Products	5	5	-	55	59	7.3
Dairy Supplementary Payments	1,425	979	-31.3	4,846	5,722	18.1
Deficiency Payments	-	69	-	166	4,296	*
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	85,320	80,745	-5.4	550,281	612,025	11.2
Supplementary Payments	157	-2	-	5,195	20,177	*
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	85,477	80,743	-5.5	555,476	632,202	13.8

Cumulative figures incorporate all revisions to date and are considered more accurate than monthly estimates.

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS
(thousands of bushels)

	October		Percent	January to October		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Wheat (Including Durum)	8,224	9,845	19.7	99,685	101,768	2.1
Oats	832	468	-43.7	9,599	11,293	17.6
Barley	14,372	6,264	-56.4	79,723	64,516	-19.1
Rye	194	321	65.5	2,073	1,898	-8.4
Flaxseed	504	318	-36.9	4,648	2,759	-40.6
Rapeseed	2,277	1,456	-36.1	14,344	11,924	-16.9

TOTAL LIVESTOCK MARKETED AT STOCKYARDS AND PACKING PLANTS

	September		Percent	January to September		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	no.	no.	%	no.	no.	%
Cattle	147,679	148,150	0.3	915,868	963,254	5.2
Calves	13,787	16,606	20.5	82,343	84,605	2.8
Sheep and Lambs	10,966	12,745	16.2	46,196	59,849	30.0
Hogs	175,444	154,667	-11.8	1,576,354	1,499,564	-4.9

SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

		August		Percent	January to August		Percent
Oil Refinery Production:		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Motor Gasoline	M Bbls.	2,018	2,510	24.4	12,844	15,904	23.8
Diesel Fuel Oil	M Bbls.	990	1,293	30.6	6,048	8,821	45.9
Other	M Bbls.	1,280	1,345	5.1	9,138	11,489	25.7
Total	M Bbls.	4,289	5,148	20.0	28,030	36,213	29.2*
Brewed Products	M Gal.	2,537	3,030	19.4	15,970	18,814	17.8
		September			January to September		
Flour Mills (5 firms)		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Production	M Centals	515	446	-13.4	3,189	3,541	11.0
All mill products shipped	$'000	2,901	2,659	-8.3	19,553	20,942	7.1
Creamery Butter							
Production	M Lbs.	2,314	2,328	0.6	21,836	20,882	-4.4
	$'000	1,534	1,637	6.7	14,478	14,482	-
Cheese							
Production	M Lbs.	321	413	28.7	2,933	3,432	17.0
	$'000	204	263	28.9	1,862	2,306	23.9
Ice Cream							
Production	M Gal.	533	540	1.3	4,891	5,453	11.5
	$'000	922	945	2.5	8,461	9,444	11.6
Carbonated Beverages	$'000	2,019	2,348	16.3	18,129	19,354	6.8
Packing Plants							
Gross Sales	$'000	45,103	49,803	10.4	357,639	433,509	21.2
Livestock Processed	M Lbs.	80,616	76,770	-4.8	648,167	677,009	4.5
	$'000	33,930	37,592	10.8	263,061	326,656	24.2
Exports	M Lbs.	51,620	48,724	-5.6	407,794	436,067	6.9
	$'000	23,214	24,758	6.7	182,103	224,147	23.1
Livestock Slaughtered							
Cattle	No.	116,234	119,422	2.7	753,794	832,066	10.4
Calves	No.	1,713	1,331	-22.3	13,494	10,548	-21.8
Hogs	No.	170,619	148,674	-12.9	1,511,035	1,476,052	-2.3
Sheep & Lambs	No.	4,827	5,925	22.8	28,740	36,985	28.7
Sawmills							
Production:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	7,096	22,000	*	393,997	431,000	9.4
Railway Ties	No.	11,705	5,581	-52.3	273,666	158,375+	-42.1
Sales:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	36,657	37,000	0.9	482,752	465,000	-3.7
	$'000	3,011	3,764	25.0	34,527	44,511+	28.9
Railway Ties	No.	13,366	5,581	-58.2	279,839	172,328+	-38.4
	$'000	36	15	-58.3	756	465+	-38.5
Cement Production	M Tons	119	101	-15.1	698	733	5.0
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:							
All Industries	$'000	177,609	200,987	13.2	1,450,936	1,663,272+	14.6
Electricity:							
Net Generated	MWH	864,078	997,741	15.5	7,948,049	8,922,302	12.3

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		September		Percent	January to September		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	35,957	41,021	14.1	304,892	361,913	18.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	15,622	16,285	4.2	135,133	142,695	5.6
Sales in United States	M Barrels	20,262	26,048	28.6	170,303	220,933	29.7
Value of Sales	$'000	102,820	117,901	14.7	875,754	1,039,715	18.7
Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	3,657	5,004	36.8	33,124	42,263	27.6
Value of Sales	$'000	10,768	14,761	37.1	97,527	124,085	27.2
Synthetic Crude							
Production	M Barrels	381e	1,339	*	11,138e	13,693	22.9
Value of Sales	$'000	1,335e	4,258	*	33,624e	44,059	31.0
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	188,442	224,486	19.1	1,753,073	2,011,624	14.8
Sales in Canada	M. M. C. F.	59,430	74,412	25.2	626,389	729,109	16.4
Sales in United States	M. M. C. F.	62,761	62,589	-0.3	582,200	597,022	2.6
Value of Sales	$'000	20,468	24,015	17.3	195,715	223,219	14.1
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,924	2,406	25.1	16,389	20,848	27.2
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	606	858	41.6	6,568	7,586	15.5
Sales in United States	M Barrels	623	956	53.4	6,041	8,549	41.5
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	286	245	-14.3	1,905	2,252	18.2
Value of Sales	$'000	2,227	2,945	32.2	22,604	28,991	28.3
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,242	1,654	33.2	10,560	13,376	26.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	427	667	56.2	3,728	4,857	30.3
Sales in United States	M Barrels	799	1,040	30.2	5,857	7,764	32.6
Value of Sales	$'000	1,631	2,390	46.5	12,481	17,282	38.5
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	367	588	60.2	3,338	4,610	38.1
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	46	47	2.2	468	481	2.8
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	62	62	-	560	550	-1.8
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	102	102	-	860	1,160	34.9
Value of Sales	$'000	1,569	1,158	-26.2	13,962	13,222	-5.3
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	443	490	10.6	3,128	4,323	38.2
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	375	400	6.7	3,040	3,110	2.3
Value of Sales							
Bituminous	$'000	3,034	2,105	-30.6	24,540	25,603	4.3
Sub-Bituminous	$'000	587	918	56.4	4,392	6,911	57.4
Pulpwood Production	Cunits	36,618	29,888	-18.4	116,749	205,106	75.7
	$'000	754	615	-18.4	2,404	4,223	75.7
		October			January to October		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Salt Production	M Tons	23	22	-4.3	215	236	9.8
Lime Production	M Tons	9	10	11.1	72	91	26.4
	$'000	172	201	16.9	1,441	1,821	26.4
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No.	179	74,343	*	479,650	553,829	15.5
	$	1,123	487,429	*	1,521,782	3,516,478	*

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VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

	September 1972				Total Value September		Cumulative Jan. to Sept.	
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and Government	1971	1972	1971	1972
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1	594	-	59	41	857	695	3,627	11,405
Medicine Hat	574	-	7	-	833	581	2,706	10,482
CENSUS DIVISION 2	1,236	177	681	201	1,872	2,295	18,283	17,705
Lethbridge	830	177	462	200	1,230	1,668	14,388	10,841
CENSUS DIVISION 3	146	13	5	-	232	164	2,726	3,985
CENSUS DIVISION 4	63	-	1	-	9	63	151	559
CENSUS DIVISION 5	110	-	5	35	122	149	786	1,460
Drumheller	33	-	5	35	37	72	452	537
CENSUS DIVISION 6	6,517	261	25,031	1,608	17,420	33,418	159,797	171,342
Calgary	6,148	183	24,705	1,605	16,578	32,641	155,183	162,557
CENSUS DIVISION 7	148	-	150	193	115	491	1,277	3,984
CENSUS DIVISION 8	886	-	100	80	1,216	1,066	8,617	8,954
Red Deer	589	-	87	-	592	676	5,223	5,787
CENSUS DIVISION 9	199	1	1,527	1	1,322	1,728	5,869	4,054
CENSUS DIVISION 10	667	-	598	194	946	1,459	4,880	9,361
Camrose	368	-	-	-	410	368	1,792	1,992
Lloydminster	66	-	517	-	306	583	1,635	3,015
CENSUS DIVISION 11	9,337	311	5,272	867	33,111	15,786	194,049	197,702
Edmonton	3,337	275	4,529	853	22,644	8,994	147,566	139,179
Wetaskiwin	167	-	19	-	175	186	850	2,057
CENSUS DIVISION 12	209	-	78	-	732	287	7,420	9,574
CENSUS DIVISION 13	360	-	106	-	461	466	2,172	4,305
CENSUS DIVISION 14	261	-	59	20	236	340	4,363	3,556
CENSUS DIVISION 15	2,787	35	435	-	2,762	3,256	14,347	19,283
Grande Prairie	1,816	-	292	-	1,700	2,108	6,064	10,526
Total September	23,518	797	34,106	3,241	61,412	61,663		
Jan. -Sept. 1972	277,329	11,906	132,402	45,593				467,231
Jan. -Sept. 1971	238,692	10,393	102,945	76,330			428,364	
October 1971/1972 Preliminary					59,590	51,400	487,950	518,600

Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

HOUSING STATISTICS

	September		Percent	January to September		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Dwelling Starts:						
Alberta ++	2,671	1,513	-43.3	16,782	14,866	-11.4
Calgary Metro	508	455	-10.4	7,167	5,712	-20.3
Edmonton Metro	2,009	805	-59.9	8,437	7,814	-7.4
Lethbridge	20	16	-20.0	547	337	-38.4
Grande Prairie	8	160	*	164	531	*
Medicine Hat	15	49	*	79	271	*
Red Deer	111	28	*	388	201	-48.2
Completions:						
Alberta ++	2,836	1,820	-35.8	12,118	13,957	15.2
Calgary Metro	655	799	22.0	5,279	5,986	13.4
Edmonton Metro	1,935	923	-52.3	5,857	6,999	19.5
Lethbridge	186	37	-80.1	642	308	-52.0
Grande Prairie	10	20	*	109	231	*
Medicine Hat	16	25	56.3	60	187	*
Red Deer	34	16	-52.9	171	246	43.9
Under Construction:						
Calgary Metro	5,750	4,446	-22.7	-	-	-
Edmonton Metro	7,655	9,088	18.7	-	-	-
Lethbridge	273	228	-16.5	-	-	-
Grande Prairie	177	483	*	-	-	-
Medicine Hat	52	190	*	-	-	-
Red Deer	292	168	-42.5	-	-	-

++ Centres of 10,000 Population and over

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - TRENDS

WHOLESALE TRADE[+]	September		Percent	January to September		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	287	290	1.0	7,285	10,062	38.1
Auto Supplies and Equipment	7,409	8,306	12.1	129,415	156,545	21.0
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,870	5,904	52.6	40,442	50,045	23.7
Dry Goods and Apparel	1,508	1,555	3.1	13,360	14,567	9.0
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	14,432	14,784	2.4	103,112	119,856	16.2
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	161	163	1.2	2,267	2,423	6.9
Farm Supplies	29	46	58.6	688	1,253	82.1
Furniture & House Furnishings	2,173	2,360	8.6	26,505	29,948	13.0
Groceries and Meats	29,345	31,343	6.8	297,399	331,163	11.4
Tobacco	4,407	4,568	3.7	39,568	42,441	7.3
Hardware	3,980	4,872	22.4	29,529	38,666	30.9
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	3,511	4,109	17.0	35,294	43,685	23.8
Lumber and Millwork	6,754	8,084	19.7	51,383	65,315	27.1
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,268	2,782	22.7	21,371	27,266	27.6
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	1,686	2,184	29.5	38,399	49,844	29.8
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	4,419	5,186	17.4	44,364	51,591	16.3
Professional Service, Transportation Equipment and Supplies	2,446	2,496	2.0	25,556	28,050	9.8
Metals and Metal Work	4,099	4,165	1.6	33,995	41,879	23.2
Paper and Paper Products	2,223	2,213	-0.4	18,621	20,512	10.2
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	28,371	27,187	-4.2	194,088	209,364	7.9
Plumbing and Heating Equipment & Supplies	6,825	7,721	13.1	50,703	56,356	11.1
Miscellaneous	1,080	1,065	-1.4	12,454	14,755	18.5
TOTAL	131,284	141,381	7.7	1,215,797	1,405,583	15.6
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	40,410	46,059	14.0	472,888	552,271	16.8
Edmonton	52,940	57,675	8.9	444,217	523,458	17.8
Lethbridge	2,628	2,694	2.5	27,877	30,996	11.2
Medicine Hat	462	673	45.7	8,527	10,545	23.7
Red Deer	1,548	1,700	9.8	14,141	15,610	10.4
Smaller Centres	2,489	2,780	11.7	29,989	33,912	13.1
No Area Breakdown	30,807	29,800	-3.3	218,159	238,791	9.5
TOTAL	131,284	141,381	7.7	1,215,797	1,405,583	15.6

RETAIL TRADE:	August			January to August		
	1971	1972		1971	1972	
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	34,641	39,431	13.8	296,978	322,332	8.5
All Other Food Stores	2,847	3,427	20.4	29,339	33,141	13.0
Department Stores	29,673	35,444	19.5	209,247	248,619	18.7
General Merchandise Stores	6,851	7,294	6.5	48,000	53,710	11.9
General Stores	7,482	8,424	12.6	57,268	64,807	13.2
Variety Stores	2,480	2,576	3.9	17,319	18,228	5.2
Motor Vehicles Dealers	27,819	34,010	22.3	273,454	335,331	22.6
Service Stations and Garages	25,818	28,494	10.4	163,265	185,972	13.9
Men's Clothing Stores	1,953	2,174	11.3	17,862	19,696	10.3
Women's Clothing Stores	3,172	3,299	4.0	23,132	25,184	8.9
Family Clothing Stores	2,652	2,934	10.6	19,864	21,168	6.6
Shoe Stores	2,098	2,103	0.2	13,330	15,190	14.0
Hardware Stores	3,421	4,183	22.3	26,007	30,255	16.3
Furniture, T.V., Radio and Appliance Stores	4,011	4,408	9.9	28,632	35,310	23.3
Fuel Dealers	810	859	6.0	10,668	12,831	20.3
Drug Stores	6,140	6,798	10.7	46,741	49,926	6.8
Jewellery Stores	962	1,135	18.0	7,849	8,925	13.7
All Other Stores	33,518	37,363	11.5	233,666	264,379	13.1
TOTAL	196,348	224,356	14.3	1,522,621	1,745,004	14.6
Preliminary September 1971/1972	210,400	237,500	12.9	1,733,700	1,982,500	14.4

[+] The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

		July		Percent	January to July		Percent
Persons Entering Through Customs		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Ports in Alberta							
U.S. Visitors	No.	123,502	138,758	12.4	280,148	288,771	3.1
Overseas Visitors	No.	5,893	8,155	38.4	14,134	18,923	33.9
Canadian Residents Returning From the U.S.	No.	69,674	77,126	27.1	235,209	246,459	4.8
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	8,334	8,077	-3.1	48,108	47,998	-0.2
Springbank	No.	2,035	2,918	43.4	12,976	18,061	39.2
Edmonton Industrial	No.	7,326	9,223	25.9	48,683	52,707	8.3
Edmonton International	No.	3,289	3,762	14.4	18,946	22,870	20.7
Grande Prairie	No.	1,504	2,458	63.4	6,104	10,135	66.0
Lethbridge	No.	1,789	1,928	7.8	9,492	9,626	1.4
		August			January to August		
Financing of Motor Vehicles:		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Passenger Cars	No.	1,796	1,971	9.7	13,211+	15,338	16.1
	$'000	3,724	4,459	19.7	27,918+	33,810	21.1
Commercial Vehicles	No.	965	979	1.5	8,398+	9,583	14.1
	$'000	4,230	4,527	7.0	33,854+	44,322	30.9
		September			January to September		
Unemployment Insurance		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Benefit Weeks	No.	62,557	107,500	71.8	1,014,210	1,325,504	30.7
Benefit Payments	$'000	2,676	6,911	*	37,819	85,298	*
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M $'000	2,379	2,721	14.4	21,213	24,209	14.1
Edmonton	M $'000	1,921	1,858	-3.3	16,174	17,877	10.5
Lethbridge	M $'000	121	120	-0.8	959	1,100	14.7
Medicine Hat	M $'000	47	44	-6.4	376	423	12.5
TOTAL	M $'000	4,467	4,743	6.2	38,722	43,610	12.6
Restaurant Receipts	$'000	7,953	8,209	3.2	80,270	82,714	3.0
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alberta Border Points	No.	14,258	15,917	11.6	126,377	135,439	7.2
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	1,752	1,552	-11.4	11,909	12,299	3.3
Births	No.	2,344	2,315	-1.2	23,831	22,044	-7.5
Deaths	No.	905	921	1.7	8,045	8,194	1.9
Natural Increase	No.	1,439	1,394	-3.1	15,786	13,850	-12.3
Life Insurance	$'000	57,242	69,417	21.3	589,146	710,293	20.6
Social Allowance Payments	$'000	5,381	5,344	-0.7	47,137	49,982	6.0
		October			January to October		
Visitors to National Parks		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Banff East Gate	No.	150,398	138,596	-7.8	2,251,346	2,277,539	1.2
Elk Island	No.	19,632	15,268	-22.2	305,466	310,217	1.6
Jasper East Gate	No.	61,499	60,769	-1.2	1,302,638	1,421,756	9.1
Waterton Lakes	No.	-	-	-	554,627	485,276	-12.5
TOTAL	No.	231,529	214,633	-7.3	4,414,077	4,494,788	1.8

+ Revised

POPULATION
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	June 1 1971	July 1 1971	July 1 1972
1,463	1,490	1,524	1,559	1,595	1,628	1,629	1,656

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		August		Percent	January to August		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	84,055	94,604	12.6	775,480+	885,788	14.2
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	13,244	23,054	74.1	97,789	140,823	44.0
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	2,047	1,958	-4.3	13,409	13,668+	1.9
Farm Implements	$'000	11,266	13,428	19.2	53,595	68,628	28.1
		September			January to September		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
New Motor Vehicles	No.	6,745	7,694	14.1	56,152	68,656	22.3
	$'000	26,337	31,544	19.8	215,880+	289,122	33.9
Electric Lamps	M No.	-	3,228	-	-	17,494	-
	$'000	-	705	-	-	5,350	-
Stoves:++							
Gas	No.	538	174	-67.7	6,383	3,197	-49.9
Electric	No.	3,150	3,606	14.5	20,588	26,087	26.7
Washing Machines:++							
Automatic	No.	2,393	3,116	30.2	15,455	18,151	17.4
Conventional	No.	728	576	-20.9	4,287+	4,512	5.2
Clothes Dryers:++							
Gas	No.	543	643	18.4	2,915	3,218	10.4
Electric	No.	2,486	2,939	18.2	12,797	14,258	11.4
Mechanical Refrigerators++	No.	4,156	4,832	16.3	30,550	36,231	18.6
Home & Farm Freezers++	No.	1,753	2,501	42.7	13,226	15,926	20.4
T.V. Sets++	No.	6,845	7,486	9.4	29,748	37,870	27.3
Radio Phonographs++	No.	1,431	1,304	-8.9	7,507	7,938	5.7
Record Players++	No.	1,564	1,829	16.9	5,595	6,422	14.8
Domestic Water Tank Heaters++							
Gas	No.	3,229	3,166	-2.0	20,973	21,698	3.5
Electric	No.	1,093	903	-17.4	6,405	4,689	-26.8
Plywood	M Sq. Ft.	18,645	18,926	1.5	168,092	175,391	4.3
Margarine	M Lbs.	1,447	1,276	-11.8	10,803	10,267	-5.0
	$'000	411	383	-6.8	3,111	2,972	-4.5
Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof Sqs.	53,078	56,449	6.4	401,623+	458,080	14.1
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll Roofing (general)	Roof Sqs.	4,890	3,683	-24.7	26,251+	30,797	17.3
coated BUR	Roof Sqs.	890	3,488	*	6,145+	15,249+	*
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll Roofing & Siding	Roof Sqs.	7,200	7,842	8.9	53,567+	58,354	8.9
Tar and Asphalt Felts	Tons	685	722	5.4	4,619	5,020	8.7
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	99	97	-2.0	831+	971	16.8
(Non-Kraft base)	Tons	23	10	-56.5	105	109	3.8
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	1,680	1,470	-12.5	13,133+	11,637	-11.4
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq.ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		489	607	24.1	3,550+	3,753	5.7
Asphalt Sheathing Board		782	972	24.3	7,262+	8,966	23.5
Roof Insulation Board		2,380	2,957	24.2	17,267+	18,439+	6.8
Acoustical Tile		108	253	*	778+	1,248+	60.4
Other Decorative Board		519	1,159	*	2,913+	4,037	38.6
Other Board		76	243	*	750	1,064	41.9
Total		4,354	6,190	42.2	32,520+	37,508+	15.3

+ Revised ++ Domestic

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA
(in thousands)

	October 1970	October 1971	Average 1971	Sept. 1972	October 1972+
Population 14 Years of Age and Over					
-Total	1,091	1,127	1,117	1,155	1,157
-Men	552	570	565	584	585
-Women	538	556	551	571	572
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	340	341
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	815	816
Labour Force					
-Total	653	675	664	696	694 C
-Men	433	444	446	458	458 B
-Women	220	231	217	237	236 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	182	181 C
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	85	84 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	98	97 C
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	513	513 B
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	293	295 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	204	203 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	15 E
Employed Labour Force					
-Total	630	650	633	672	667 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	444	441 B
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	228	227 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	170	167 D
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	78	76 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	92	91 D
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	502	500 C
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	286	287 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	200	199 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	15 E
-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	108	104 F
-Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	564	564 C
-Paid Workers	N/A	N/A	N/A	534	537 C
Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	513	516 C
Unemployed Labour Force					
-Total	23	25	31	23	26 E
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	17 E
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	9 F
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	14 F
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	12 F
Not in the Labour Force					
-Total	438	452	453	459	464 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	125	128 D
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	334	336 C
Labour Force Participation Rate %	59.9	59.9	59.5	60.3	60.0 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate %	3.5	3.7	4.7	3.3	3.7 E

+ The alphabetic symbol following each figure represents an estimate as to the accuracy of the current survey figure. If this figure is expressed with an "A", the chances are 68 out of 100 that the corresponding census figure would have fallen to within + 0.5% of the figure shown; "B", within ± 1.0%; "C", within ± 2.5%; "D", within ± 5.0%; "E", within ± 10.0%; "F", within ± 15.5%; and "G", within ± 25.0%. Alphabetic symbols are also used in the tables titled, "Sub-Provincial Labour Force Participation and Unemployment Rates", and "Alberta Labour Force By Occupation And By Industry."

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(per cent)

	October 1970	October 1971	Average 1971	Sept. 1972	October 1972+
CALGARY					
Labour Force Participation Rate	62.6	60.1	60.5	61.7	59.6 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.1	5.5	3.2	5.1 F
EDMONTON					
Labour Force Participation Rate	61.0	62.3	62.2	61.1	62.4 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	5.2	4.4	4.2 F
CENSUS DIVISION 5, 6, & 9					
Labour Force Participation Rate	60.5	59.8	59.9	62.1	59.5 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.7	5.0	3.3	4.6 F
CENSUS DIVISIONS 8 & 11					
Labour Force Participation Rate	60.9	61.3	61.2	60.9	62.1 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	4.9	4.0	3.7 F
CENSUS DIVISION 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, & 15					
Labour Force Participation Rate	57.9	58.2	56.5	57.8	57.9 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	2.2	3.5	3.8	2.3	2.7 F

+ For an explanation of alphabetic symbols, refer to footnote of table titled, "Alberta Labour Force and Related Data."

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION AND BY INDUSTRY
(in thousands)

	January 1972	March 1972	June 1972	Oct. 1972+
Total Employed	615	625	680	667 C
Managerial	68	68	67	66 E
Professional and Technical	94	95	99	102 E
Clerical	86	86	92	91 E
Sales	46	48	46	47 E
Service and Recreation	75	81	80	80 E
Transport and Communication	29	26	34	36 E
Farmers and Farm Workers	87	80	97	104 E
Other Primary	G	G	G	G
Craftsmen, Production Process and Related Workers	102	112	130	115 D
Labourers and Unskilled Workers and Non-Farming Primary Workers	19	22	31	20 E
Goods - Producing Industries	219	216	253	240 D
Agricultural	87	82	95	104 F
Other Primary	32	33	31	26 F
Manufacturing	62	62	68	63 E
Construction	37	40	58	48 E
Service - Producing Industries	397	409	427	428 D
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	59	53	57	61 E
Trade	104	111	117	112 D
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26	28	28	28 E
Community, Business, and Personal Services	163	174	181	181 D
Public Administration	44	43	45	46 E
Total Unemployed	33	32	29	26 E
Total Labour Force	648	657	709	694 C

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MEMORANDA

During 1971 sales of beer, spirits and wines all increased over 1970. Beer sales increased by $15,943,000 to a total 1971 sales value of $63,663,000. Spirit sales totalling $77,573,000 increased $4,807,000. Wine sales of $15,155,000 were up $2,612,000 over 1970.

Alberta's industrial composite index for employment was 147.1 in September 1972, (1961 = 100). This is a slight increase over the September 1971 index number of 146.3. The average weekly earnings, in September was 153.43, up 8.4% over 141.54 in September 1971.

Basic Union Wage Indexes for Major Construction Trades,
Edmonton and Calgary (1961 = 100)

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Edmonton	107.6	112.2	118.5	125.7	136.9	151.8	172.3	195.9	206.5
Calgary	107.9	113.3	120.5	128.7	141.4	154.0	173.4	196.7	207.5

In 1970 Alberta accounted for 8.5% of the total number of persons covered under pension plans in Canada. The number of Alberta males and females with pension plans totalled 125,239 and 53,005 respectively. The public sector accounts for approximately 58% of the total persons covered while the private sector accounts for approximately 42%.

Fluid Milk and Cream Sales for
Edmonton, Calgary and Southern Alberta Area,
1970 and 1971
('000's of quarts)

	Edmonton		Calgary		Southern Alberta	
	Fluid Milk	Cream	Fluid Milk	Cream	Fluid Milk	Cream
1970	46,444	3,045	36,652	1,963	6,774	322
1971	52,097	3,203	42,104	2,304	9,527	441

Commercial sales of milk in Alberta during 1971 reached 124,956,000 quarts. This represents a 2.5% increase over the 1970 figure of 121,870,000 quarts.

The sawmills and planing mills in Alberta shipped manufactured goods valued at $39.4 million in 1970; an increase of 1.3% over the 1969 figure of $38.9 million. The 121 establishments employed 2,132 persons and paid $11,673,000 in wages and salaries in 1970.

GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS
FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans-portation	Health: Personal Care	Recreation: Reading	Tobacco: Alcohol
October	1970	125.7	129.1	119.2	127.9	121.5	145.0	135.0	124.1
October	1971	128.9	132.8	121.1	129.5	128.3	150.7	138.4	125.3
September	1972	134.6	146.1	125.4	133.6	131.4	153.5	141.3	125.4
October	1972	134.6	144.9	125.4	134.9	131.3	154.3	141.3	125.4

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNATTACHED INDIVIDUALS
BY INCOME GROUPS - ALBERTA, 1971

Income Group	All Families And Unattached Individuals	Families
	Per Cent	Per Cent
Under 1,000	5.3	3.7
1,000 - 1,999	8.5	2.6
2,000 - 2,999	7.3	5.3
3,000 - 3,999	6.5	6.1
4,000 - 4,999	6.1	5.1
5,000 - 5,999	5.1	5.2
6,000 - 6,999	6.7	6.3
7,000 - 7,999	6.3	6.6
8,000 - 8,999	6.5	6.8
9,000 - 9,999	6.3	7.6
10,000 - 11,999	10.0	12.7
12,000 - 14,999	13.0	16.1
15,000 - 24,999	10.8	13.7
25,000 and over	1.6	2.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Income Group	Unattached Individuals
	Per Cent
Under 1,000	9.8
1,000 - 1,499	8.4
1,500 - 1,999	17.6
2,000 - 2,499	7.3
2,500 - 2,999	5.9
3,000 - 3,499	4.4
3,500 - 3,999	3.6
4,000 - 4,499	4.4
4,500 - 4,999	4.7
5,000 - 5,499	1.9
5,500 - 5,999	2.7
6,000 - 6,999	7.8
7,000 - 7,999	5.3
8,000 - 9,999	8.2
10,000 - 14,999	5.9
15,000 and over	2.1
TOTAL	100.0

Preliminary estimates prepared by Statistics Canada from data collected during the Survey of Consumer Finances in April 1972 indicate the incomes of all families and unattached individuals in Alberta in 1971 averaged $8,555. The Canadian average was $8,643. Fifty per cent of all families and unattached individuals in the province had incomes over $7,710.

Family incomes in 1971 averaged $9,954 in Alberta; the Canadian average was $10,112. Fifty per cent of the approximately 382,000 families in the province had incomes over $9,291.

"Family" is defined as a group of individuals sharing a common dwelling unit and related by blood, adoption or marriage. "Income" includes wages and salaries from both full and part time employment, net income from self-employment, investment income, government transfer payments, and income from other sources such as pensions, scholarships and annuities, prior to deduction for taxes. An "Unattached Individual" is defined as a person living by himself or rooming in a household where he is not related to other household members.

The following low income cut-offs were used by Statistics Canada in the April 1972 survey arbitrarily to identify low income individuals and family units: 1 person - $2,013; 2 person unit - $3,355; 3 person unit - $4,046; 4 person unit - $4,697; 5 or more person unit - $5,368.

By the criteria chosen, 18.4% of Alberta families and 36.4% of the unattached individuals in Alberta had low incomes in 1971.

Percentage Distribution of Individuals by Income Groups and Sex
Alberta 1971

Income Groups	All Individuals	Male	Female
		Per Cent	
Under 500	13.5	6.7	23.4
500 - 999	7.0	4.6	10.7
1,000 - 1,499	6.4	4.1	9.7
1,500 - 1,999	8.1	6.2	10.8
2,000 - 2,499	4.3	3.7	5.2
2,500 - 2,999	3.9	3.3	4.9
3,000 - 3,499	3.6	2.9	4.6
3,500 - 3,999	4.0	3.0	5.5
4,000 - 4,499	3.8	2.5	5.6
4,500 - 4,999	3.6	3.1	4.3
5,000 - 5,499	3.5	3.7	3.3
5,500 - 5,999	2.6	3.2	1.8
6,000 - 6,999	6.6	8.6	3.6
7,000 - 7,999	5.5	7.7	2.3
8,000 - 9,999	9.0	13.5	2.5
10,000 - 14,999	10.7	17.0	1.5
15,000 and over	3.9	6.3	.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

The incomes of all individuals (male and female) in Alberta averaged $5,206 in 1971. The Canadian average was $5,173. The average individual income for males in the province was $6,961 and for females $2,630.

An "Individual" is defined as a person 14 years of age or over who had some income in 1971 regardless of size, and whose main source of income was not military pay and allowances.

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Numerical and Percentage Distribution of Rural and Urban Population
Alberta 1901-1971

Year	Total No.	Rural No.	Percent of Total	Urban No.	Percent of Total
1901	73,022	61,171	83.8	11,851	16.2
1911	374,295	264,359	70.6	109,936	29.4
1921	588,454	411,284	69.9	177,170	30.1
1931	731,605	503,723	68.9	227,882	31.1
1941	796,169	545,564	68.5	250,605	31.5
1951	939,501	509,413	54.2	430,088	45.8
1961	1,331,944	480,368	36.1	851,576	63.9
1966	1,463,203	455,796	31.2	1,007,407	68.8
1971	1,627,874	423,317	26.0	1,204,557	74.0

POPULATION BY MOTHER TONGUE, CENSUS DIVISIONS AND CENTRES OF 10,000 POPULATION AND OVER, ALBERTA, 1971

	Total	English	French	German	Indian & Eskimo	Italian	Netherlands	Polish	Ukrainian	Other
Alberta	1,627,875	1,263,935	46,500	92,800	29,920	15,570	20,670	13,730	70,895	73,855
Division No. 1	39,150	29,475	290	7,220	65	125	435	155	255	1,120
Division No. 2	86,625	65,805	660	7,420	400	750	2,560	845	1,355	6,825
Division No. 3	30,940	23,300	340	2,345	3,335	55	430	115	135	890
Division No. 4	12,990	10,855	75	1,310	5	25	35	130	180	385
Division No. 5	34,485	27,270	405	2,625	1,625	140	500	160	355	1,405
Division No. 6	447,080	377,695	5,670	20,175	950	6,430	5,685	2,160	5,905	2,210
Division No. 7	38,335	32,690	640	2,550	80	45	165	220	430	1,520
Division No. 8	85,640	74,455	805	3,075	1,630	150	1,220	240	655	3,415
Division No. 9	19,780	14,145	320	540	2,040	605	135	360	395	1,245
Division No. 10	65,535	44,385	625	3,220	170	45	225	870	12,890	3,105
Division No. 11	552,460	419,890	19,510	32,400	3,475	6,790	6,970	5,955	33,110	24,360
Division No. 12	54,645	30,925	7,505	800	6,455	105	140	675	6,555	1,480
Division No. 13	43,790	30,490	1,520	3,550	960	65	440	925	4,430	1,400
Division No. 14	21,665	17,245	790	1,130	305	85	215	170	845	870
Division No. 15	94,760	65,305	7,350	4,435	8,430	150	1,520	755	3,385	3,420
Calgary	403,320	338,835	5,305	17,945	585	6,345	5,170	2,105	5,680	21,355
Edmonton (City)	438,150	331,070	13,835	23,385	1,555	6,650	5,760	5,190	29,350	21,355
Edmonton (Metro)	495,700	377,305	18,210	26,225	1,835	6,730	6,515	5,440	31,020	22,425
Grande Prairie	13,080	10,885	380	585	100	45	135	135	330	480
Lethbridge	41,215	32,830	330	1,780	85	565	855	525	890	3,360
Medicine Hat	26,515	19,800	205	5,080	55	105	175	110	205	790
Red Deer	27,675	24,755	355	770	55	70	405	70	315	885
St. Albert	11,800	9,700	880	465	15	30	200	60	215	240

POPULATION BY SPECIFIED AGE GROUPS, CENSUS DIVISIONS AND CENTRES OF OVER 10,000 PERSONS, ALBERTA, 1971

	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-69	70+
Alberta	1,627,874	151,623	180,758	182,125	160,891	142,261	218,665	193,155	162,571	117,077	41,997	76,751
Division No. 1	39,149	3,055	3,970	4,307	4,118	2,710	4,236	4,390	4,712	3,721	1,285	2,645
Division No. 2	86,624	7,780	9,041	9,630	9,256	7,177	9,746	9,470	8,931	7,492	3,001	5,100
Division No. 3	30,940	3,003	3,554	3,769	3,402	2,241	3,368	2,930	2,983	2,685	1,010	1,995
Division No. 4	12,991	1,123	1,502	1,551	1,420	796	1,342	1,392	1,648	1,053	364	800
Division No. 5	34,485	3,037	3,760	4,015	3,648	2,321	3,691	3,587	4,004	3,116	1,117	2,189
Division No. 6	447,079	41,395	48,029	47,791	41,315	43,188	66,309	56,970	44,119	28,919	9,913	19,131
Division No. 7	38,334	3,094	4,135	4,466	4,123	2,419	4,013	4,207	4,407	3,546	1,245	2,679
Division No. 8	85,638	7,289	9,519	10,333	9,141	6,284	9,985	9,520	9,053	7,104	2,532	4,878
Division No. 9	19,781	1,761	1,998	2,047	1,969	1,903	2,507	2,225	2,119	1,719	654	879
Division No. 10	65,532	5,033	6,854	7,399	6,766	3,657	6,373	7,016	7,600	6,946	2,685	5,203
Division No. 11	552,461	51,879	60,271	59,774	53,744	54,457	80,537	67,391	53,962	36,438	12,294	21,714
Division No. 12	54,647	6,136	7,727	7,408	5,659	3,581	6,735	6,177	4,474	3,172	1,351	2,227
Division No. 13	43,786	3,875	5,050	5,307	4,627	2,341	4,300	4,967	4,741	4,069	1,729	2,780
Division No. 14	21,665	2,419	2,795	2,673	2,102	1,672	2,933	2,575	1,897	1,272	527	800
Division No. 15	94,762	10,744	12,553	11,655	9,601	7,514	12,590	10,338	7,921	5,825	2,290	3,731
Calgary	403,319	37,470	43,032	42,558	37,014	40,291	61,014	51,839	39,587	25,124	8,544	16,846
Edmonton (City)	438,152	39,929	45,294	45,180	42,780	47,292	64,274	53,146	43,603	29,334	9,851	17,469
Edmonton (Metro)	495,700	46,345	53,310	52,860	48,230	50,810	73,335	60,970	48,390	31,960	10,615	18,885
Grande Prairie	13,080	1,395	1,530	1,450	1,370	1,335	1,920	1,440	1,030	745	290	580
Lethbridge	41,217	3,221	3,865	4,054	4,228	3,895	4,696	4,610	4,366	3,854	1,561	2,867
Medicine Hat	26,518	1,949	2,501	2,675	2,625	1,959	2,847	2,758	3,185	2,739	1,041	2,239
Red Deer	27,674	2,249	2,848	3,135	3,165	2,683	3,762	3,227	2,775	1,961	601	1,268

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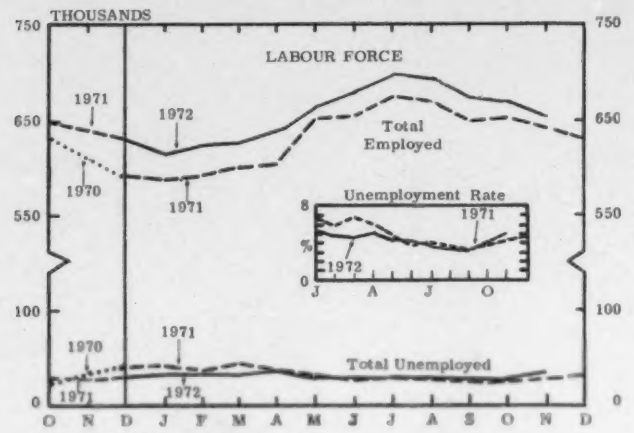
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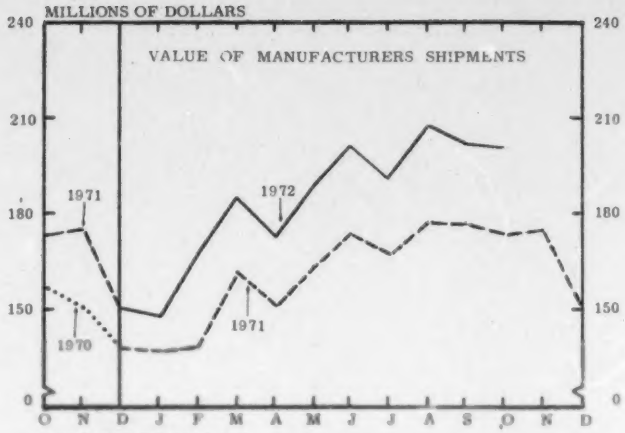
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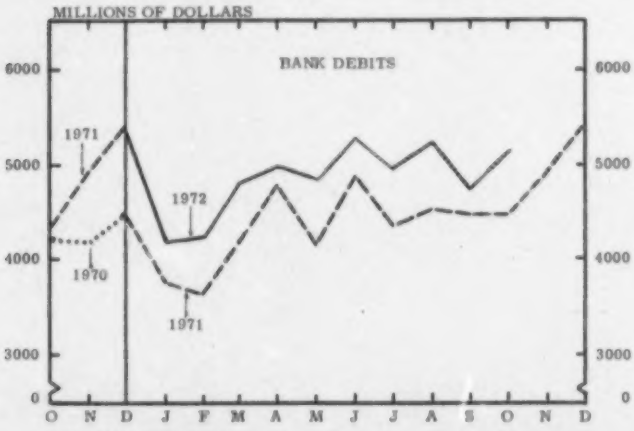
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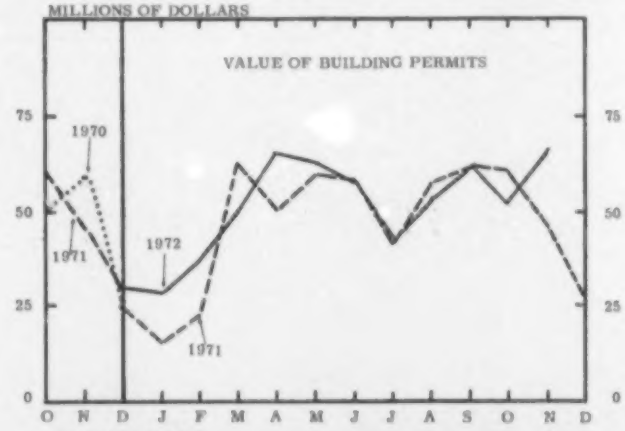
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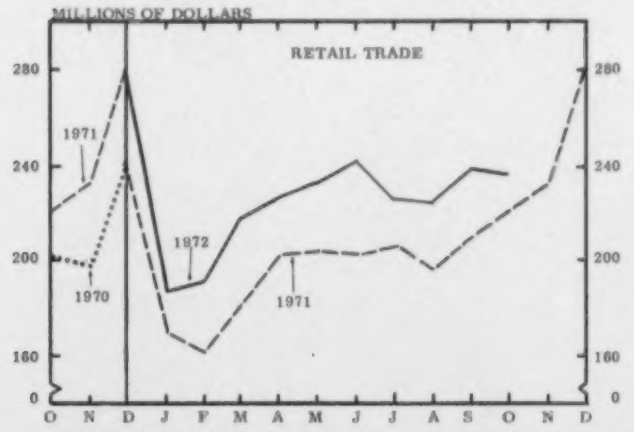
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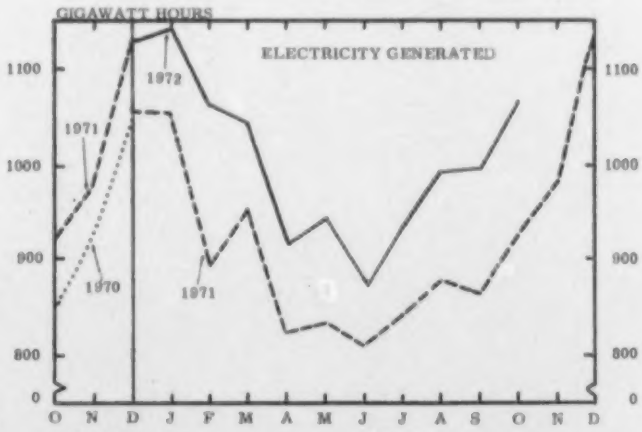
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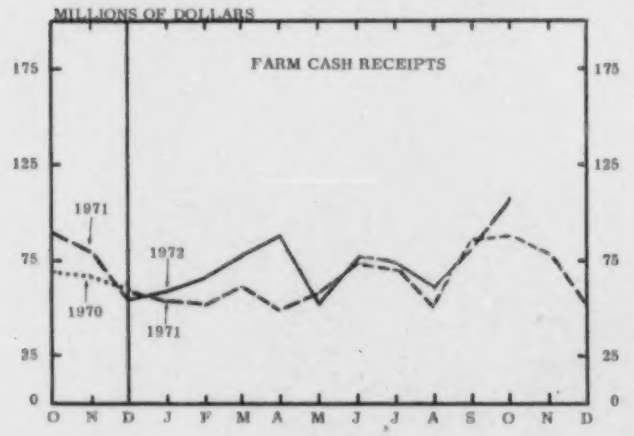
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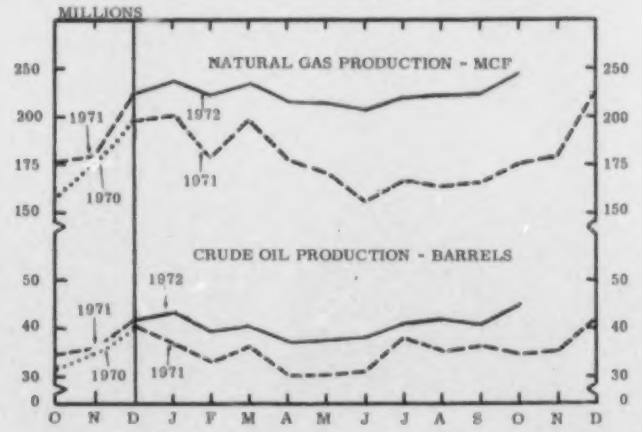
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ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

During the first ten months of 1972 Alberta farmers cash receipts totalled $738 million, an increase of $97 million or 15% over the comparable period of 1971. Increases in initial payments for some grains in October raised cumulative cash receipts from this source to $272 million or 3.4% over 1971. Cash income from livestock and products was up 19% to the end of October 1972. Repayments of cash advances to the Canadian Wheat Board was some $7 million lower than in 1971; and supplementary payments received by farmers was some $15 million higher than in 1971.

Shipments of Alberta manufacturers continued to exceed year earlier levels in October. Figures for the first ten months of 1972 indicate a 15% increase over 1971. Packing plant sales increased 21% during this period; refinery production during the first three quarters of 1972 was 28% higher than a year earlier, and production of brewed products was up 17%.

October figures for the petroleum industry show large increases over 1971 in the value of sales of all products. Coal production in Alberta over the first ten months of 1972 totalled 8.2 million tons valued at $38.7 million.

The value of building permits issued in October was some $8 million less than in October 1971; the cumulative value for the year, however, was 7% above last year with preliminary November figures indicating a further 3% increase. Dwelling starts in centres of 10,000 population and over decreased 14% during the January to October period; there were approximately 500 fewer dwelling units under construction in these centres at the end of October 1972 than twelve months earlier.

Preliminary October figures indicate the value of retail trade increased 13% during the first ten months of 1972. Sales of motor vehicle dealers show the largest increase followed by department stores and grocery and combination stores.

The provincial unemployment rate increased from 3.7% in October to 5.1% in November. This compares to the November 1971 rate of 4.2% and the November 1970 rate of 5.3%. Estimates of the labour force by industry show a large decrease in employment in the agriculture industry between October and November.

The all-items consumer price index for Edmonton-Calgary rose 0.5% in November. At 135.3 it was 4.2% above that of a year ago. Since October the food index advanced 1.0%, the clothing component 0.5% and the transportation component 0.5%.

ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	October		Percent	January to October		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	($'000)	($'000)	%	($'000)	($'000)	%
Wheat	20,644	33,790	63.7	121,474	144,383	18.9
Oats	337	1,381	*	7,926	5,920	-25.3
Barley	7,483	12,111	61.8	73,525	49,934	-32.1
C.W.B. Net cash advance payments	1,327	-206	*	-13,578	-6,467	-52.4
Rye	133	199	49.6	2,198	2,660	21.0
Flaxseed	741	1,208	63.0	19,975	8,353	-23.9
Rapeseed	7,624	5,921	-22.3	39,880	44,042	10.4
Sugar Beets	707	1,026	45.1	2,608	4,277	64.0
Potatoes	2,926	3,775	29.0	7,460	8,362	12.1
Vegetables	112	123	9.8	1,471	1,603	9.0
Other Crops	3,505	3,436	-2.0	9,100	8,944	-1.7
TOTAL CROPS	45,539	62,764	37.8	263,039	272,011	3.4
Cattle and Calves	23,087	23,610	2.3	220,629	258,817	17.3
Hogs	6,413	8,015	25.0	69,413	93,390	34.5
Sheep and Lambs	304	346	13.8	1,398	2,093	49.7
Dairy Product	3,831	3,816	-0.4	39,650	41,455	4.6
Poultry	2,569	3,671	42.9	17,048	20,142	18.1
Eggs	1,005	1,103	9.8	11,858	11,960	0.9
Other Livestock and Products	1,250	1,274	1.9	6,177	6,679	8.1
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	38,459	41,835	8.8	366,173	434,536	18.7
Forest Products	16	19	18.8	71	78	9.9
Dairy Supplementary Payments	693	798	15.2	5,539	6,520	17.7
Deficiency Payments	-	36	*	166	4,332	*
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	84,707	105,452	24.5	634,988	717,477	13.0
Supplementary Payments	24	8	-66.6	5,219	20,185	*
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	84,731	105,460	24.5	640,207	737,662	15.2

Cumulative figures incorporate all revisions to date and are considered more accurate than monthly estimates.

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS
(thousands of bushels)

	November		Percent	January to November		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Wheat (Including Durum)	15,508	16,404	5.8	115,193	118,172	2.6
Oats	739	1,377	86.3	10,338	12,670	22.6
Barley	13,045	14,853	13.9	92,768	79,369	-14.4
Rye	122	532	*	2,195	2,430	10.7
Flaxseed	313	548	75.1	4,961	3,307	-33.3
Rapeseed	1,471	3,255	*	15,815	15,179	-4.0

TOTAL LIVESTOCK MARKETED AT STOCKYARDS AND PACKING PLANTS

	October		Percent	January to October		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	no.	no.	%	no.	no.	%
Cattle	111,820	106,451	-4.8	1,027,688	1,069,705	4.1
Calves	53,073	46,802	-11.8	135,416	131,407	-3.0
Sheep and Lambs	13,639	14,547	6.7	59,835	74,396	24.3
Hogs	142,518	117,990	-17.2	1,718,872	1,617,554	-5.9

SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

		September		Percent	January to September		Percent
Oil Refinery Production:		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.	1,820	2,297	26.2	14,665	18,201	24.1
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.	945	1,132	19.8	6,992	9,953	42.3
Other	M bbls.	1,458	1,698	16.5	10,594	13,187	24.5
Total	M bbls.	4,223	5,127	21.4	32,251	41,341	28.2
Brewed Products	M Gal.	1,855	1,959	5.6	17,825	20,773	16.5
		October			January to October		
Flour Mills (5 firms)		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Production	M Centals	588	486	-17.3	3,777	4,026	6.6
All mill products shipped	$'000	3,403	2,781	-18.3	22,956	23,723	3.3
Creamery Butter							
Production	M Lbs.	2,004	1,883	-6.0	23,840	22,765	-4.5
	$'000	1,329	1,325	-0.3	15,806	15,806	-
Cheese							
Production	M Lbs.	291	369	26.8	3,224	3,801	17.9
	$'000	185	234	26.5	2,047	2,541	24.1
Ice Cream							
Production	M Gal.	422	443	5.0	5,313	5,896	11.0
	$'000	730	775	6.2	9,191	10,220	11.2
Carbonated Beverages	$'000	1,983	1,933	-2.5	20,112	21,288	5.8
Packing Plants							
Gross Sales	$'000	41,828	49,225	17.7	399,467	482,734	20.8
Livestock Processed	M Lbs.	73,272	70,805	-3.4	721,440	747,814	3.7
	$'000	31,375	35,591	13.4	294,436	362,248	23.0
Exports	M Lbs.	48,469	47,573	-1.9	456,263	483,640	6.0
	$'000	22,203	24,481	10.3	204,306	248,628	21.7
Livestock Slaughtered							
Cattle	No.	89,055	92,273	3.6	842,849	924,339	9.7
Calves	No.	1,645	1,268	-22.9	15,139	11,816	-21.9
Hogs	No.	141,358	114,598	-18.9	1,652,393	1,590,650	-3.7
Sheep & Lambs	No.	5,954	5,181	-13.0	34,694	42,166	21.5
Sawmills							
Production:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	10,875	19,000	74.7	404,896+	450,000	11.1
Railway Ties	No.	12,229	1,067	-91.3	285,895	159,442	-44.2
Sales:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	28,750	25,000	-13.0	511,525+	490,000	-4.2
	$'000	2,455	2,603	6.5	36,984+	47,101+	27.4
Railway Ties	No.	9,384	129	-98.6	289,223	173,449+	-40.0
	$'000	25	-	-99.9	781	468+	-40.1
Cement Production	M Tons	103	91	-11.7	802	825	2.9
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:							
All Industries	$'000	170,687	196,592	15.2	1,621,623	1,860,393+	14.7
Electricity:							
Net Generated	MWH	925,082	1,064,327	15.1	8,873,131	9,986,629	12.6

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		October		Percent	January to October		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	34,383	46,896	36.4	339,275	408,809	20.5
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	16,387	16,614	1.4	151,520	159,308	5.1
Sales in United States	M Barrels	19,211	27,015	40.6	189,514	247,949	30.8
Value of Sales	$'000	82,784	113,073	36.6	958,538	1,152,788	20.3
Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	3,593	5,361	49.2	36,717	47,624	29.7
Value of Sales	$'000	10,672	15,813	48.2	108,199	139,898	29.3
Synthetic Crude							
Production	M Barrels	1,625	1,642	1.0	12,763	15,335	20.2
Value of Sales	$'000	4,103e	5,258	28.2	37,727e	49,317	30.7
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	194,350	245,812	26.5	1,947,423	2,257,437	15.9
Sales in Canada	M. M. C. F.	67,176	84,981	26.5	693,564	814,091	17.4
Sales in United States	M. M. C. F.	65,588	67,958	3.6	647,789	664,979	2.7
Value of Sales	$'000	21,355	26,580	24.5	217,070	249,800	15.1
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	2,068	2,552	23.4	18,457	23,400	26.8
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	623	925	48.5	7,191	8,511	18.4
Sales in United States	M Barrels	824	1,203	46.0	6,864	9,753	42.1
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	247	275	11.3	2,152	2,526	17.4
Value of Sales	$'000	2,660	3,532	32.8	25,264	32,523	28.7
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,284	1,717	33.7	11,844	15,094	27.4
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	446	655	46.9	4,175	5,512	32.0
Sales in United States	M Barrels	836	1,181	41.3	6,692	8,945	33.7
Value of Sales	$'000	1,743	2,626	50.7	14,224	19,908	40.0
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	365	652	78.6	3,703	5,262	42.1
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	55	56	1.8	523	537	2.7
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	59	65	10.2	619	615	-0.6
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	117	204	74.4	977	1,364	39.6
Value of Sales	$'000	1,741	1,656	-4.9	15,703	14,878	-5.2
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	484	397	-18.0	3,612	4,721	30.7
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	415	428	3.1	3,455	3,538	2.4
Value of Sales							
Bituminous	$'000	2,207	5,204	*	26,747	30,807	15.2
Sub-Bituminous	$'000	786	1,022	30.0	5,179	7,933	53.2
Pulpwood Production	Cunits	24,852	20,169	-18.8	141,601	225,275	59.1
	$'000	512	415	-18.9	2,916	4,638	59.1
		November			January to November		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Salt Production	M Tons]	24	28	16.7	239	264	10.5
Lime Production	M Tons	6	10	66.7	78	102	30.8
	$'000	125	208	66.4	1,567	2,028	29.4
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No.	302	5,051	*	479,952	558,880	16.4
	$	2,168	52,922	*	1,523,950	3,569,400	*

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VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

	October 1972			Institutional and	Total Value October		Cumulative Jan. to Oct.	
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Government	1971	1972	1971	1972
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1	807	24	2,387	-	543	3,218	4,169	14,624
Medicine Hat	631	23	2,383	-	410	3,038	3,116	13,521
CENSUS DIVISION 2	1,353	1,330	296	60	1,708	3,038	19,990	20,744
Lethbridge	714	1,315	113	5	1,166	2,147	15,554	12,987
CENSUS DIVISION 3	110	-	1	41	494	151	3,219	4,136
CENSUS DIVISION 4	3	-	36	-	266	39	417	597
CENSUS DIVISION 5	135	10	82	-	619	227	1,404	1,686
Drumheller	6	10	28	-	458	44	910	580
CENSUS DIVISION 6	11,405	265	3,250	296	18,547	15,216	178,343	186,558
Calgary	10,758	242	3,082	296	17,585	14,378	172,768	176,936
CENSUS DIVISION 7	247	-	40	-	327	287	1,603	4,270
CENSUS DIVISION 8	1,027	46	511	118	3,517	1,702	12,134	10,658
Red Deer	655	28	376	118	2,517	1,177	7,740	6,963
CENSUS DIVISION 9	1,317	12	160	-	702	1,489	6,569	5,542
CENSUS DIVISION 10	766	5	299	51	561	1,121	5,439	10,481
Camrose	330	4	214	-	138	548	1,930	2,538
Lloydminster	230	-	77	1	257	308	1,892	3,324
CENSUS DIVISION 11	14,594	719	3,772	3,642	30,200	22,728	224,249	224,331+
Edmonton	9,435	599	2,846	3,642	24,075	16,521	171,641	155,703
Wetaskiwin	272	-	41	-	236	313	1,086	2,369
CENSUS DIVISION 12	266	-	436	471	382	1,173	7,803	10,744
CENSUS DIVISION 13	253	-	181	-	457	434	2,627	4,740
CENSUS DIVISION 14	176	-	12	11	1,029	199	5,392	3,755
CENSUS DIVISION 15	976	85	305	-	1,397	1,365	15,745	20,649
Grande Prairie	762	85	82	-	392	929	6,456	11,454
Total October	33,435	2,496	11,769	4,688	60,749	52,387		
Jan. to Oct. 1972	310,764	14,400	148,071+	50,281				523,515+
Jan. to Oct. 1971	266,605	11,375	118,340	92,786			489,106	
November 1971/1972 Preliminary					45,600	66,200	534,706	589,700

Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

HOUSING STATISTICS

	October		Percent	January to October		Percent
Dwelling Starts:	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Alberta ++	1,884	1,216	-35.5	18,666	16,082	-13.8
Calgary Metro	503	412	-18.1	7,670	6,124	-20.2
Edmonton Metro	1,278	618	-51.6	9,715	8,432	-13.2
Lethbridge	22	40	81.8	569	377	-33.7
Grande Prairie	38	42	10.5	202	573	*
Medicine Hat	33	73	*	112	344	*
Red Deer	10	31	*	398	232	-41.7
Completions:						
Alberta ++	1,580	1,812	14.7	13,698	15,769	15.2
Calgary Metro	710	706	-0.6	5,989	6,692	11.7
Edmonton Metro	728	950	30.5	6,585	7,949	20.7
Lethbridge	29	50	72.4	671	358	-46.6
Grande Prairie	84	58	-31.0	193	289	49.7
Medicine Hat	11	37	*	71	224	*
Red Deer	18	11	-38.9	189	257	36.0
Under Construction:						
Calgary Metro	5,542	4,152	-25.1	-	-	-
Edmonton Metro	8,204	8,751	6.7	-	-	-
Lethbridge	266	218	-18.0	-	-	-
Grande Prairie	130	467	*	-	-	-
Medicine Hat	74	226	*	-	-	-
Red Deer	284	188	-33.8	-	-	-

++ Centres of 10,000 Population and over

WHOLESALE TRADE *	October		Percent	January to October		Percent
	1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	813	966	18.8	8,849	11,959	35.2
Auto Supplies and Equipment	6,615	7,450	12.6	138,302	166,721	20.5
Chemicals, Drugs and Allied Products	4,226	4,850	14.8	49,404	59,949	21.3
Dry Goods and Apparel	1,398	1,538	10.0	15,392	16,695	8.5
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	10,966	11,911	8.6	116,578	134,918	15.7
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	175	170	-3.0	2,469	2,626	6.4
Farm Supplies	32	35	9.4	864	1,420	64.3
Furniture & House Furnishings	3,612	3,913	8.3	34,879	39,256	12.5
Groceries and Meats	27,180	31,200	14.8	330,090	367,858	11.4
Tobacco	4,542	4,509	-0.7	44,453	47,232	6.3
Hardware	3,995	5,583	39.8	34,473	45,502	32.0
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	4,838	5,291	9.4	42,053	51,357	22.1
Lumber and Millwork	4,796	5,481	14.3	57,249	72,336	26.4
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,589	2,805	8.3	25,596	32,683	27.7
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	3,592	3,621	0.8	46,252	57,695	24.7
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	3,550	4,208	18.5	48,466	56,806	17.2
Professional Service, Transportation (Equipment and Supplies)	2,518	2,733	8.5	29,670	32,664	10.1
Metals and Metal Work	3,963	4,366	10.2	39,086	47,696	22.0
Paper and Paper Products	1,966	2,163	10.0	21,172	23,272	9.9
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	23,886	26,700	11.8	218,527	236,854	8.4
Plumbing & Heating Equipment & Supplies	6,767	7,058	4.3	59,036	64,818	9.8
Miscellaneous	1,136	1,483	30.5	15,110	18,144	20.1
TOTAL	123,154	138,034	12.1	1,377,971	1,588,462	15.3
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	43,541	47,892	10.0	534,367	619,866	16.0
Edmonton	46,677	53,062	13.7	508,253	597,531	17.6
Lethbridge	2,511	2,774	10.5	31,439	34,898	11.0
Medicine Hat	502	631	25.7	9,734	11,908	22.3
Red Deer	1,151	1,380	19.9	15,721	17,424	10.8
Smaller Centres	2,074	2,271	9.5	33,295	37,642	13.1
No Area Breakdown	26,697	30,025	12.5	245,162	269,192	9.8
TOTAL	123,154	138,034	12.1	1,377,971	1,588,462	15.3

RETAIL TRADE:	September			January to September		
	1971	1972		1971	1972	
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	40,053	46,636	16.4	337,031	368,968	9.5
All Other Food Stores	3,825	4,363	14.1	33,164	37,505	13.1
Department Stores	33,378	41,975	25.8	243,032	290,594	19.6
General Merchandise Stores	7,228	7,582	4.9	55,228	61,292	11.0
General Stores	7,451	8,409	12.9	64,719	73,217	13.1
Variety Stores	2,378	2,624	10.3	19,697	20,852	5.9
Motor Vehicle Dealers	37,396	38,490	2.9	310,850	373,821	20.3
Service Stations and Garages	21,016	23,118	10.0	184,281	209,091	13.5
Men's Clothing Stores	2,486	2,819	13.4	20,348	22,516	10.7
Women's Clothing Stores	3,185	3,605	13.2	26,317	28,789	9.4
Family Clothing Stores	3,626	4,172	15.1	23,490	25,340	7.9
Shoe Stores	1,990	2,303	15.7	15,320	17,492	14.2
Hardware Stores	3,889	4,159	6.9	29,896	34,413	15.1
Furniture, T. V., Radio and Appliance Stores	3,478	3,915	12.6	32,110	39,224	22.2
Fuel Dealers	1,045	1,160	11.0	11,713	13,992	19.5
Drug Stores	5,677	6,181	8.9	52,418	56,107	7.0
Jewellery Stores	1,323	1,456	10.1	9,172	10,381	13.2
All Other Stores	31,230	34,492	10.4	264,896	298,871	12.8
TOTAL	210,654	237,459	12.7	1,733,682	1,982,465	14.4
Preliminary October 1971/1972	222,000	234,684	5.7	1,956,000	2,217,000	13.3

* The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

GENERAL STATISTICS

		July		Percent	January to July		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Persons Entering Through Customs Ports in Alberta:							
U. S. Visitors	No.	123,502	138,758	12.4	280,148	288,771	3.1
Overseas Visitors	No.	5,893	8,155	38.4	14,134	18,923	33.9
Canadian Residents Returning From the U. S.	No.	60,674	77,126	27.1	235,209	246,459	4.8
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	8,334	8,073	-3.1	48,108	47,998	-0.2
Springbank	No.	2,035	2,918	43.4	12,976	18,061	39.2
Edmonton Industrial	No.	7,326	9,223	25.9	48,683	52,707	8.3
Edmonton International	No.	3,289	3,762	14.4	18,946	22,870	20.7
Grande Prairie	No.	1,504	2,458	63.4	6,104	10,135	66.0
Lethbridge	No.	1,789	1,928	7.8	9,492	9,626	1.4
		September			January to September		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Financing of Motor Vehicles:							
Passenger Cars	No.	1,884	1,664	-11.7	15,095	17,002	12.6
	$'000	4,160	3,735	-10.2	32,078	37,545	17.0
Commercial Vehicles	No.	1,003	851	-15.1	9,401	10,434	11.0
	$'000	4,219	3,897	-7.6	38,073	48,219	26.6
		October			January to October		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Unemployment Insurance							
Benefit Weeks	No.	60,713	120,626	98.7	1,074,923	1,446,130	34.5
Benefit Payments	$'000	2,861	7,809	*	40,680	93,107	*
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M $'000	2,585	2,865	10.8	23,798	27,074	13.8
Edmonton	M $'000	1,716	2,107	22.8	17,890	19,984	11.7
Lethbridge	M $'000	117	129	10.3	1,076	1,230	14.3
Medicine Hat	M $'000	47	51	8.5	423	474	12.1
TOTAL	M $'000	4,465	5,153	15.4	43,187	48,763	12.9
Restaurant Receipts	$'000	8,494	8,328	-2.0	88,764	91,042	2.6
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alberta Border Points	No.	8,289	8,273	-0.2	134,666	143,712	6.7
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	1,414	1,453	2.8	13,323	13,752	3.2
Births	No.	2,440	2,442	0.1	26,271	24,486	-6.8
Deaths	No.	870	950	9.2	8,915	9,144	2.6
Natural Increase	No.	1,570	1,492	-5.0	17,356	15,342	-11.6
Life Insurance	$'000	68,843	82,454	19.8	657,989	792,747	20.5
Social Allowance Payments	$'000	5,333	5,837	9.5	52,470	55,819	6.4
		November			January to November		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Visitors to National Parks							
Banff East Gate	No.	100,641	88,409	-12.2	2,351,987	2,365,948	0.6
Elk Island	No.	4,754	4,387	-7.7	310,220	314,604	1.4
Jasper East Gate	No.	24,919	27,529	10.5	1,327,557	1,449,285	9.2
Waterton Lakes	No.	-	-	-	554,627	485,276	-12.5
TOTAL	No.	130,314	120,325	-7.7	4,544,391	4,615,113	1.6

POPULATION
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	June 1 1971	July 1 1971	July 1 1972
1,463	1,490	1,524	1,559	1,595	1,628	1,629	1,656

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA
(in thousands)

	Nov. 1970	Nov. 1971	Average 1971	October 1972	Nov. 1972+
Population 14 Years of Age and Over					
-Total	1,093	1,129	1,117	1,157	1,160
-Men	554	572	565	585	587
-Women	539	558	551	572	574
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	341	342
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	816	818
Labour Force					
-Total	643	668	664	694	688 C
-Men	429	443	446	458	450 B
-Women	214	225	217	236	238 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	181	179 C
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	84	81 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	97	98 C
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	513	509 B
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	295	295 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	203	199 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	15 E
Employed Labour Force					
-Total	609	640	633	667	653 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	441	427 B
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	227	227 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	167	163 D
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	76	72 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	91	91 D
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	500	490 C
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	287	284 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	199	192 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	14 E
-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	104	84 F
-Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	564	569 C
-Paid Workers	N/A	N/A	N/A	537	537 C
Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	516	519 C
Unemployed Labour Force					
-Total	34	28	31	26	35 E
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	24 E
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	11 F
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	14	16 F
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	19 F
Not in the Labour Force					
-Total	450	461	453	464	472 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	128	136 D
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	336	336 C
Labour Force Participation Rate %	58.8	59.2	59.5	60.0	59.3 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate %	5.3	4.2	4.7	3.7	5.1 E

+ The alphabetic symbol following each figure represents an estimate as to the accuracy of the current survey figure. If this figure is expressed with an "A", the chances are 68 out of 100 that the corresponding census figure would have fallen to within + 0.5% of the figure shown; "B", within + 1.0%; "C", within + 2.5%; "D", within + 5.0%; "E", within + 10.0%; "F", within + 16.5%; and "G", within + 25.0%. Alphabetic symbols are also used in the tables titled, "Sub-Provincial Labour Force Participation and Unemployment Rates", and "Alberta Labour Force By Occupation And By Industry."

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(per cent)

	Nov. 1970	Nov. 1971	Average 1971	October 1972	Nov. 1972+
CALGARY					
Labour Force Participation Rate	62.3	60.6	60.5	59.6	61.8 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	6.3	4.3	5.5	5.1	5.0 F
EDMONTON					
Labour Force Participation Rate	60.5	60.9	62.2	62.4	60.9 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.3	5.2	4.2	6.1 F
CENSUS DIVISION 5, 6, & 9					
Labour Force Participation Rate	59.8	60.4	59.9	59.5	61.1 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	5.9	4.1	5.0	4.6	4.8 F
CENSUS DIVISION 8 & 11					
Labour Force Participation Rate	60.5	60.3	61.2	62.1	61.2 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.0	4.9	3.7	5.6 F
CENSUS DIVISION 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15					
Labour Force Participation Rate	55.5	56.4	56.5	57.9	55.6 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.0	3.8	2.7	4.8 F

+ For an explanation of alphabetic symbols, refer to footnote of table titled, "Alberta Labour Force and Related Data."

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY
(in thousands)

	January 1972	June 1972	Oct. 1972	Nov. 1972+
Total Employed	615	680	667	653 C
Managerial	68	67	66	67 E
Professional and Technical	94	99	102	100 E
Clerical	86	92	91	97 E
Sales	46	46	47	53 E
Service and Recreation	75	80	80	82 E
Transport and Communication	29	34	36	34 E
Farmers and Farm Workers	87	97	104	85 E
Other Primary	G	G	G	G
Craftsmen, Production Process and Related Workers	102	130	115	112 D
Labourers and Unskilled Workers Not in Primary Industry	19	31	20	17 E
Goods - Producing Industries	219	253	240	216 D
Agricultural	87	95	104	84 F
Other Primary	32	31	26	24 F
Manufacturing	62	68	63	61 E
Construction	37	58	48	47 E
Service - Producing Industries	397	427	428	437 E
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities	59	57	61	57 E
Trade	104	117	112	124 D
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26	28	28	29 E
Community, Business, and Personal Services	163	181	181	183 D
Public Administration	44	45	46	45 E
Total Unemployed	33	29	26	35 E
Total Labour Force	648	709	694	688 C

+ For an explanation of alphabetic symbols, refer to footnote of table titled, "Alberta Labour Force and Related Data."

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		September		Percent	January to September		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	82,639	81,612	-1.2	858,119	967,400	12.7
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	12,589	21,169	68.2	110,378	161,992	46.8
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	2,152	1,675	-22.2	15,561	15,343	-1.4
Farm Implements	$'000	16,211	17,137	5.7	69,806	85,765	22.9
		October			January to October		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
New Motor Vehicles	No.	8,351	9,678	15.9	64,554+	78,334	21.4
	$'000	33,403	42,289	26.6	249,393+	331,411	32.9
Light bulbs, tubes, cubes, etc.	M No.	-	3,458	-	-	20,952	-
	$'000	-	810	-	-	6,161	-
Stoves: ++							
Gas	No.	359	169	-52.9	6,742	3,366	-50.1
Electric	No.	2,605	3,363	29.1	23,193	29,450	27.0
Washing Machines: ++							
Automatic	No.	2,846	2,379	-16.4	18,301	20,530	12.2
Conventional	No.	742	526	-29.1	5,029	5,038	0.2
Clothes Dryers: ++							
Gas	No.	1,248	713	-42.9	4,163	3,931	-5.6
Electric	No.	2,423	2,380	-1.8	15,220	16,638	9.3
Mechanical Refrigerators ++	No.	3,891	4,609	18.5	34,441	40,840	18.6
Home & Farm Freezers ++	No.	1,657	1,811	9.3	14,883	17,737	19.2
T. V. Sets ++	No.	6,187	5,994	-3.1	35,935	43,864	22.1
Radio Phonographs ++	No.	1,402	1,410	0.6	8,909	9,348	4.9
Record Players ++	No.	1,687	3,436	*	7,282	9,858	35.4
Domestic Water Tank Heaters ++							
Gas	No.	2,404	2,925	21.7	23,377	24,623	5.3
Electric	No.	561	597	6.4	6,966	5,286	-24.1
Plywood	M Sq. Ft.	21,833	19,444	-10.9	189,925	194,825	2.6
Margarine	M Lbs.	1,410	1,027	-27.2	12,212	11,295	-7.5
	$'000	399	304	-23.8	3,510	3,276	-6.7
Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof Sqs.	47,859	44,961	-6.1	449,482	503,041	11.9
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll Roofing (general)	Roof Sqs.	4,068	3,002	-26.2	30,319	33,799	11.5
coated BUR	Roof Sqs.	612	1,510	*	6,757	16,759	*
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll Roofing & Siding	Roof Sqs.	5,858	5,021	-14.3	59,425	63,375	6.7
Tar and Asphalt Felts]	Tons	700	698	-0.3	5,319	5,718	7.5
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	96	133	38.5	927	1,104	19.1
(Non-Kraft base)	Tons	10	10	-	115	119	3.5
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	1,682	1,553	-7.7	14,815	13,190	-11.0
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		461	389	-15.6	4,011	4,142	3.3
Asphalt Sheathing Board		857	1,060	23.7	8,119	10,027	23.5
Roof Insulation Board		2,503	2,851	13.9	19,769	21,290	7.7
Acoustical Tile		134	82	-38.8	912	1,300+	42.5
Other Decorative Board		604	482	-20.2	3,517	4,519	28.5
Other Board		145	105	-27.6	895	1,169	30.6
Total		4,703	4,969	5.7	37,223	42,446+	14.0

+ Revised ++ Domestic

MEMORANDA

During 1971 Alberta's 25 private radio stations obtained $11.7 million in operating revenue. This represents an increase of 11% over the 1970 figure of $10.5 million. During 1971 these radio stations employed an average of 581 employees compared to 559 in 1970.

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Operating revenue for Alberta's 7 private television stations totalled $7.5 million in 1971. Compared to the 1970 total of $6.8 million, this represents an increase of approximately 10%. These television stations employed an average of 270 employees in 1971 compared to 250 employees a year previously.

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Hours of Television Viewed, Number of Books Read, Alberta Students, 1971

	Grade						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Television hours viewed per week	15.7	15.5	14.0	12.7	10.1	8.3	7.6
Books read per month	3.5	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

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Department stores in Alberta reported sales totalling $291 million during the first three quarters of 1972. This represents a 19.6% increase over the same time period in 1971. Sales in September 1972 totalled $42 million, up 25.8% over September 1971. There are 43 department stores in Alberta in 1972 compared to 37 in 1971.

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Canada's Coal Resources *

Province	Tonnage ('000 short tons)
Nova Scotia	710,700
New Brunswick	10,000
Ontario	150,000
Manitoba	100,800
Saskatchewan	12,013,900
Alberta	47,240,200
British Columbia	59,457,000
Total	119,682,600

*These figures, the latest available from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, indicate Alberta has 39% of Canada's coal resources.

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GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Transportation	Health: Personal Care	Recreation: Reading	Tobacco: Alcohol
November	1970	126.1	129.8	119.4	128.0	122.2	145.2	135.7	124.1
November	1971	129.9	135.9	121.3	129.9	128.5	151.0	138.8	125.3
October	1972	134.6	144.9	125.4	134.9	131.3	154.3	141.3	125.4
November	1972	135.3	146.3	125.4	135.6	132.0	154.6	142.3	125.4

SPECIFIED HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS, CENSUS DIVISIONS AND CENTRES OF 10,000 POPULATION AND OVER, ALBERTA, 1971

	Households			Families			Children in Families	
	Total	Persons in Households	Average	Total	Persons in Families	Average	Total	Average
Alberta	464,940	1,580,755	3.4	382,110	1,427,090	3.7	680,825	1.8
Division No. 1	11,690	37,780	3.2	9,610	34,535	3.6	15,650	1.6
Division No. 2	24,460	83,355	3.4	20,520	77,080	3.8	36,560	1.8
Division No. 3	7,685	28,570	3.7	6,830	27,340	4.0	13,845	2.0
Division No. 4	3,680	12,580	3.4	2,970	11,715	3.9	5,785	2.0
Division No. 5	9,645	32,755	3.4	7,935	30,350	3.8	14,585	1.8
Division No. 6	133,615	437,585	3.3	107,745	389,220	3.6	180,565	1.7
Division No. 7	10,670	36,360	3.4	8,800	33,490	3.8	15,945	1.8
Division No. 8	23,455	81,090	3.5	19,755	74,755	3.8	35,945	1.8
Division No. 9	5,810	19,105	3.3	4,600	16,775	3.6	7,805	1.7
Division No. 10	19,120	63,260	3.3	15,540	57,755	3.7	26,745	1.7
Division No. 11	160,465	540,255	3.4	131,720	482,895	3.7	227,510	1.7
Division No. 12	12,895	52,925	4.1	11,265	49,065	4.4	26,745	2.4
Division No. 13	12,265	43,000	3.5	10,095	39,290	3.9	19,135	1.9
Division No. 14	5,875	21,380	3.6	4,935	19,625	4.0	9,895	2.0
Division No. 15	23,615	90,750	3.8	19,790	83,210	4.2	44,115	2.2
Calgary	121,290	395,130	3.3	97,245	349,760	3.6	161,920	1.7
Edmonton (Proper)	131,205	428,990	3.3	105,440	378,025	3.6	174,660	1.7
Edmonton (Metro)	144,810	484,285	3.3	118,215	430,995	3.6	202,360	1.7
Grande Prairie	3,500	12,565	3.6	2,980	11,385	3.8	5,595	1.9
Lethbridge	12,560	39,915	3.2	10,140	35,475	3.5	15,715	1.6
Medicine Hat	8,300	25,460	3.1	6,665	22,885	3.4	9,895	1.5
Red Deer	7,310	24,595	3.4	6,100	22,285	3.7	10,530	1.7
St. Albert	2,685	11,620	4.3	2,590	11,180	4.3	6,095	2.4

Advance reports from the 1971 Census of Canada indicate there were 464,940 households, and 382,110 families in Alberta as at June 1, 1971. The average number of persons per family was 3.7 and the average number of children per family was 1.8. On a household basis the average number of persons was 3.4.

A household is defined as a person or group of persons occupying one dwelling. It usually consists of a family group with or without lodgers, employees, etc.; however, it may consist of two or more families sharing a dwelling, of a group of unrelated persons or of one person living alone. Every person is a member of some household and there is a one-to-one relationship between households and occupied dwellings except in the case of certain households such as those of military and diplomatic personnel stationed overseas, from which no housing information was collected.

A census family consists of a husband and wife (with or without children who have never been married, regardless of age) or a parent with one or more children never married, living in the same dwelling. A family may consist, also, of a man or woman living with a guardianship child or ward under 21 years for whom no pay was received.

The term "children" refers to sons and daughters, under 25 years, who have never married and are living at home. Children who have ever been married, regardless of age, are not considered as members of their parents' family even though they are living in the same dwelling. Unmarried sons and daughters 25 years and over living at home on the census date are also family members, but considered as children only in a broad sense in a few tabulations. The following are also included as children: adopted children, stepchildren, foster children, and wards for whom no pay was received.

SELECTED PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRY GROUP, 1969 AND 1970

Industry Group	Year	Establishments	Employees		Value of Shipments Of Goods Own Manufacture	Total Value Added
		Number	Number	Salaries and Wages $'000	$'000	$'000
Food and beverage industries	1969	461	13,436	82,205	708,488	179,544
	1970	443	13,307	89,172	761,723	188,443
Rubber and plastics products industries	1969	4	x	x	x	x
	1970	35	1,044	7,489	28,874	12,894
Leather industries	1969	10	188	911	2,830	1,349
	1970	9	234	1,116	3,803	1,741
Textile industries	1969	22	626	3,555	16,398	8,460
	1970	20	642	3,909	14,680	7,554
Knitting mills	1969	3	x	x	x	x
	1970	3	x	x	x	x
Clothing industries	1969	23	2,021	9,254	26,266	16,013
	1970	23	x	x	x	x
Wood industries	1969	249	5,145	29,108	110,579	52,085
	1970	229	4,852	29,672	109,592	47,312
Furniture and fixture industries	1969	120	1,109	5,549	17,308	9,607
	1970	110	1,115	6,128	19,128	10,006
Paper and allied industries	1969	20	1,482	10,410	54,597	25,304
	1970	22	1,622	12,086	56,701	29,083
Printing, publishing and allied industries	1969	225	3,508	21,871	58,544	42,270
	1970	222	3,586	23,931	62,954	44,782
Primary metal industries	1969	24	3,143	23,445	152,990	53,044
	1970	24	3,071	24,891	153,181	40,742
Metal fabricating industries (except machinery & transportation equipment industries)	1969	229	5,865	39,937	134,229	72,777
	1970	228	5,285	39,191	124,108	67,083
Machinery industries (except electrical machinery)	1969	43	2,127	15,841	32,311	20,355
	1970	43	2,235	18,576	39,683	22,886
Transportation equipment industries	1969	69	3,294	20,332	64,583	29,502
	1970	66	3,307	19,465	61,118	27,375
Electrical products industries	1969	17	909	5,301	28,064	12,216
	1970	19	1,058	6,818	30,455	13,022
Non-metallic mineral products industries	1969	105	3,785	24,994	111,865	68,990
	1970	109	3,415	25,001	103,640	66,992
Petroleum and coal products industries	1969	16	1,074	9,533	177,026	47,029
	1970	14	1,074	10,232	177,646	48,254
Chemical and chemical products industries	1969	42	2,437	19,589	110,776	68,374
	1970	44	2,578	22,130	108,061	60,007
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	1969	179	x	x	x	x
	1970	152	1,106	6,563	15,340	12,148
Total	1969	1,861	52,354	335,104	1,849,271	731,863
	1970	1,815	51,331	356,652	1,900,211	716,882

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N/R	–	none reported
M	–	thousands
M $'000	–	millions of dollars
M M C F	–	millions of cubic feet
F.B.M.	–	foot board measure
Sqs.	–	squares
X	–	confidential
–	–	nil
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*	–	over 100%

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